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COVER STORY

Prof. Naliniprava Tripathy Shares Vision for AI-Driven Higher Education at ET Annual Education Summit 2026



IIM Shillong marked another moment of national recognition as **Prof. Naliniprava Tripathy, Director (i/c)**, represented the Institute at the **3rd Edition of the ET Annual Education Summit 2026**, one of India's premier forums on the future of education. Held under the theme "**India's Education Revolution: For the World, With the World**," the summit convened over **200 distinguished speakers and 6,000 education leaders, policymakers, and industry experts** to deliberate on the transformative trends shaping global education.

Prof. Tripathy participated in the flagship panel discussion, "**AI Native Universities: Reimagining Teaching, Research & Governance**," where thought leaders explored how institutions can harness artificial intelligence to redefine learning ecosystems, strengthen research capabilities, and enhance institutional governance.

During the insightful discussion, Prof. Tripathy highlighted that while technology continues to evolve at an unprecedented pace, the greatest challenge to AI adoption lies not in technology itself but in institutional culture and mindset.

She stressed that higher education institutions have a vital responsibility to cultivate ethical thinking, responsible leadership, and human-centred decision-making alongside technological advancement.

Drawing from IIM Shillong's unique educational philosophy, she showcased the Institute's **Community Immersion Program**, which enables students to engage closely with local communities and develop empathy, social responsibility, and a deeper understanding of grassroots realities. She noted that such experiential learning initiatives are essential in preparing leaders who can combine technological competence with compassion and ethical judgment.

Concluding the discussion on a forward-looking note, Prof. Tripathy emphasised that as artificial intelligence reshapes the future of work and education, qualities such as **empathy, emotional intelligence, and human values** will remain indispensable. Her thought-provoking insights reinforced IIM Shillong's commitment to nurturing future-ready leaders who are not only digitally empowered but also socially

conscious and ethically grounded.

The Institute is proud to contribute to national conversations that are shaping the future of

higher education, reaffirming its vision of creating responsible leaders equipped to thrive in an increasingly AI-driven world.

PHOTO GALLERY

GLIMPSES OF JUNE EVENTS



TIMELINE

IIM Shillong Secures 13th Rank Among India's Top Business Schools in IIRF India Rankings 2026



The Indian Institute of Management Shillong has added another significant milestone to its journey of excellence by securing the **13th position among the Top Business Schools in India** in the **IIRF India Rankings 2026**. The Institute has also been recognised as the **8th highest-ranked Indian Institute of Management (IIM)** in the country, reaffirming its growing stature among India's premier management institutions.

This distinguished recognition is a testament to IIM Shillong's unwavering commitment to academic excellence, transformative education, impactful research, and the holistic development of responsible leaders equipped to thrive in an increasingly dynamic and

interconnected global environment.

The ranking reflects the Institute's consistent performance across several key parameters, including **academic reputation, employability, research excellence, industry engagement, and institutional development**. These achievements are the result of the collective efforts of our faculty, students, staff, alumni, recruiters, and institutional partners, whose dedication continues to strengthen the Institute's reputation for quality and innovation.

At IIM Shillong, excellence extends beyond classroom learning. Through its focus on experiential education, sustainability, responsible leadership, and meaningful engagement with industry and society, the Institute continues to prepare future leaders capable of addressing complex challenges with integrity, compassion, and innovation.

This recognition further reinforces IIM Shillong's resolve to build on its legacy of excellence while continuously embracing new opportunities for growth, collaboration, and societal impact. As the Institute moves forward, it remains steadfast in its mission of creating knowledge, developing responsible leaders, and contributing meaningfully to business, government, and society.

Together, we celebrate this remarkable achievement and reaffirm our commitment to creating meaningful impact—**rooted in values and driven by excellence**.

Welcoming the PGP Class of 2026–28: A New Journey Begins



The Indian Institute of Management Shillong proudly welcomed the Post Graduate Programme (PGP) Batch of 2026–28, ushering in a new chapter in the Institute's journey of academic excellence and leadership development. Representing diverse backgrounds, regions, experiences, and aspirations, the incoming cohort brings a rich tapestry of perspectives that will further strengthen IIM Shillong's vibrant learning community.

From warm introductions and campus interactions to the excitement of settling into a new academic environment, the Institute

came alive with the energy and enthusiasm of students ready to embark on a transformative journey. As they step into what is fondly known as the "7th Heaven of Learning," they begin an experience defined by intellectual curiosity, rigorous inquiry, collaborative learning, and personal growth.

Nestled amidst the serene hills of Shillong, the Institute offers an environment where ideas flourish, lifelong friendships are forged, and future leaders are shaped. IIM Shillong extends its warmest wishes to the new cohort for an enriching, rewarding, and memorable journey as they prepare to create meaningful impact in

Industry Connect Series: Leadership Lessons from Dr. Vimal Choudhary

As part of its **Industry Connect Series**, IIM Shillong had the privilege of hosting **Dr. Vimal Choudhary, Chief Operating Officer, Khaitan & Co.**, for an engaging session that offered students valuable insights into leadership, organizational transformation, and long-term career success.

Drawing upon his extensive experience across strategy, operations, and business transformation, Dr. Choudhary encouraged students to view their professional journey as a

marathon rather than a sprint. He emphasized that enduring success is built through resilience, continuous learning, and the ability to remain focused on long-term goals rather than short-term achievements.

Sharing practical perspectives from his leadership journey, he highlighted the importance of staying composed in the face of uncertainty and complexity. According to him, the ability to remain calm and make thoughtful decisions during challenging times is one of the

defining qualities of an effective leader.

The interactive session inspired students to cultivate resilience, adaptability, and a growth mindset while preparing to navigate the



evolving demands of the corporate world. It also reinforced the value of purposeful leadership and lifelong learning in building meaningful and impactful careers.



IIM Shillong Celebrates International Yoga Day 2026 with a Focus on Holistic Well-being



IIM Shillong celebrated International Yoga Day 2026 with great enthusiasm, bringing together faculty, staff, students, and members of the Institute community to embrace the timeless practice of yoga as a pathway to physical, mental, and emotional well-being. Observed under the global theme "Yoga for Healthy Ageing," the event highlighted the significance of adopting a balanced lifestyle through mindfulness, discipline, and regular physical activity.



The programme commenced with a live telecast of the address by Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, whose message underscored yoga's transformative role in promoting individual wellness and collective harmony. His address inspired participants to integrate yoga into their daily lives as a means of nurturing resilience, inner peace, and holistic health.

A key highlight of the celebration was an engaging and professionally conducted yoga training session led by students from the North

Eastern Institute of Ayurveda & Homoeopathy (NEIAH). Demonstrating a series of yogic postures, breathing techniques, and relaxation exercises, the trainers guided participants through practices aimed at improving flexibility, posture, concentration, and overall physical fitness. They also explained the therapeutic benefits of yoga in managing stress, enhancing mental clarity, and supporting healthy ageing, making the session both informative and practical.

The event provided an opportunity for

participants to reconnect with the principles of wellness while fostering a deeper appreciation for India's rich yogic heritage. More than a commemorative celebration, the programme served as a reminder that good health is built through consistent and mindful choices.

Through initiatives such as these, IIM Shillong continues to promote a culture of well-being and encourages its community to embrace healthy habits that contribute to a more balanced, resilient, and fulfilling life.

IIM Shillong Honoured on World Blood Donor Day 2026



On the occasion of **World Blood Donor Day 2026**, IIM Shillong was honoured by the **Meghalaya State Blood Transfusion Council (SBTC)** for its sustained commitment to promoting voluntary blood donation and community service. The recognition was conferred during a special programme held under the theme "**One Drop of Humanity – Give Blood, Save Lives**," in the presence of **Shri Wailadmiki Shylla**, Hon'ble Minister for Health & Family Welfare, Government of Meghalaya. The award was received on behalf of the Institute by **Dr. Richa Sharma, Senior Medical Officer**, in recognition of her dedicated efforts in facilitating blood donation initiatives. The Institute also acknowledged the invaluable contribution of **Team EcoBiz**, whose enthusiasm and coordination have been instrumental



in the success of campus blood donation drives. The honour reaffirms IIM Shillong's enduring commitment to social responsibility, compassion, and community engagement.



IIM Shillong Launches Third Cohort of Executive Program on Healthcare Management



IIM Shillong inaugurated the third batch of the Executive Program on Healthcare Management, a ten-month programme offered in collaboration with the Consortium of Accredited Healthcare Organizations (CAHO) to strengthen leadership capabilities among healthcare professionals and administrators. Addressing the inaugural session, Prof. Priya Alat highlighted the role of executive education in fostering impactful learning and institutional partnerships, while Prof. Sanjeeb Kakoty outlined the programme's unique blend of faculty-led learning, peer interaction, and



self-reflection. Dr. Jeet Patwari of CAHO spoke on the programme's evolution and growing relevance in the healthcare sector. Welcoming the participants, Prof. Naliniprava Tripathy, Director (i/c), emphasized ethical leadership, innovation, and the integration of management with healthcare to build resilient, patient-centric systems. The programme concluded with a vote of thanks by Prof. Achinta Sharmah, marking the beginning of an enriching learning journey for the new cohort.

Celebrating World Environment Day 2026: Inspired by Nature for Climate Action



IIM Shillong, in collaboration with the Forest & Environment Department, Government of Meghalaya, celebrated World Environment Day 2026 on the theme "Inspired by Nature for Climate Action," reaffirming its commitment to environmental sustainability and responsible stewardship. The programme brought together government officials, academicians, students, and nature enthusiasts for a tree plantation drive and discussions on climate action.

Shri D. Sthiyan, IFS, Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Head of Forest Force, Meghalaya, commended the Institute's green campus and encouraged collective responsibility towards nature conservation. Prof. Naliniprava Tripathy, Director (i/c), highlighted the connection between environmental sustainability and economic development, emphasizing responsible resource management and the philosophy of Panchatattva as the foundation of ecological balance. The event concluded with a vote of thanks by Smti. Heisakaru Lato, IFS, acknowledging IIM Shillong's continued partnership in promoting environmental awareness and sustainable practices.

A special highlight of the programme was the enthusiastic participation of students from schools across Shillong, including St. Jerome Higher Secondary School, St. Edmund's School, B.K. Bajoria School, Pythorunkhrah Golflinks Higher Secondary School, Buddha Vidya Niketan Secondary School, and Laban Bengali Girls' School. Their active involvement in the plantation drive reflected the growing awareness and commitment of the younger generation towards environmental conservation. Students were also recognised and appreciated for their creativity and enthusiastic participation, reinforcing the spirit of community engagement and environmental responsibility.

More than a ceremonial observance, the celebration served as a powerful reminder that meaningful climate action begins with collective responsibility. By bringing together institutions, government agencies, educators, and young minds, the event reaffirmed the shared vision of nurturing a sustainable future—one where environmental consciousness inspires everyday action and lasting positive change.

Building Strategic Capacity for India's MSME Ecosystem



IIM Shillong successfully conducted a Management Development Program (MDP) for officers of the Directorate of Industries, Department of



MSME, Government of Madhya Pradesh, aimed at strengthening strategic leadership for MSME ecosystem development. The programme

focused on enhancing participants' capabilities in export readiness, digital commerce, enterprise competitiveness, policy implementation, and sustainable industrial growth. Through interactive sessions led by experienced faculty and domain experts, participants explored contemporary challenges, exchanged best practices, and developed practical strategies to support the evolving needs of the MSME sector. The

programme also fostered collaborative learning by encouraging officers to share experiences and identify innovative solutions relevant to their respective domains. Its successful completion reflects IIM Shillong's continued commitment to strengthening public sector leadership and supporting government institutions in advancing inclusive industrial development, innovation, and sustainable economic growth.

Yuva Sangam Phase–VI Strengthens the Spirit of Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat



IIM Shillong had the privilege of hosting the Yuva Sangam Phase–VI delegation from Telangana, led by the National Institute of Technology (NIT) Warangal, under the Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat initiative of the Government of India. The programme commenced with a traditional welcome celebrating the vibrant culture and heritage of Meghalaya and the North East through indigenous music, attire, and cultural performances. The inaugural session was graced by Shri Munish Ningthoujam, Regional Director, ICCR, as Chief Guest, and Padma Shri Silbi Passah, renowned Khasi folk artist and cultural icon, as Guest of Honour. Welcoming the delegates, Prof. Naliniprava Tripathy, Director (i/c), highlighted the role of youth in fostering national integration through cultural exchange. The first day featured interactive cultural



presentations, a symbolic tree plantation drive, and a visit to Lok Bhavan, offering participants valuable insights into Meghalaya's governance while strengthening bonds of unity, diversity, and shared national identity.

The final day of Yuva Sangam Phase–VI at IIM Shillong concluded a memorable journey of cultural exchange and national integration. Delegates from Telangana explored Meghalaya's indigenous governance, higher education, and sports ecosystem before attending the valedictory ceremony graced by Shri Lahkmen Rymbui, Hon'ble Minister of Education, Government of Meghalaya. Cultural performances and participant reflections celebrated unity, diversity, and the enduring spirit of Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat.

Mimansa Volume II: Celebrating the Spirit of Hindi and Intellectual Exchange



On 9 June 2026, IIM Shillong marked a significant milestone with the launch of the second edition of its Hindi house journal, Mimansa. More than a publication, Meemansa represents the Institute's commitment to promoting Hindi as a language of knowledge, dialogue, and cultural expression. Releasing the journal, Prof. Naliniprava Tripathy, Director (i/c), emphasized the importance of strengthening Hindi as a unifying language of communication across India and reaffirmed the Institute's support for initiatives that enrich its academic and literary landscape.



Col. Dinesh Adhikari, Chief Administrative Officer, appreciated the contributions of faculty and staff towards promoting the Official Language and strengthening Rajbhasha initiatives. Published as a Special Intellectual Edition, the journal features scholarly articles by eminent academicians and guest contributors from India and abroad, alongside creative works by students, faculty, staff, and their families. The edition beautifully reflects IIM Shillong's commitment to intellectual diversity, cultural inclusivity, and the democratization of knowledge.

IIM Shillong Conducts MDP for SEBI Officers on Digital Financial Leadership



IIM Shillong successfully conducted the second batch of the Management Development Program (MDP) on "Building Future-Ready Capability at SEBI for a Digital Financial Landscape" for officers of the Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) from 10–12 June 2026. The three-day programme focused on enhancing participants' understanding of the rapidly evolving digital financial ecosystem while strengthening their strategic, regulatory, and leadership capabilities. Through interactive sessions, expert insights, and engaging discussions, participants explored

emerging trends in digital finance, technology-enabled regulation, governance, and innovation in the financial sector. The programme also provided a platform for knowledge sharing and collaborative learning, enabling officers to develop practical approaches for addressing contemporary regulatory challenges. The successful completion of the programme reinforces IIM Shillong's commitment to strengthening institutional capacity and developing future-ready leaders for India's evolving financial ecosystem.

Nexus'26 Connects Students with Distinguished Alumni Leaders

The Alumni Committee and the Public Relations Cell at IIM Shillong successfully hosted two engaging sessions under Nexus'26, providing students with an opportunity to interact with accomplished alumni from diverse industries. The sessions featured Ashutosh C. Dikshit (Analyst Relations Lead – AI, Digital & Customer Experience at Amdocs), Nivy Sivakumar (Staff Product Manager at Meta), Gourav Sachdeva (Director – Program Management at Fidelity Investments), Abhishek Jaiswal (Vice President at Morgan Stanley), Anushreya Asthana (Senior Partner, Customer Success at RateGain), Likhitha Sree Vadlamudi (Senior Program Manager at Amazon), Arsh S. (Business Development Manager at Amazon) and Bhagyashree Chawrekar (Project Associate at Axis Bank).

Drawing from their professional journeys, the alumni shared valuable insights on maximizing the MBA experience, building industry-relevant skills, navigating case competitions, and preparing for evolving career opportunities. The sessions concluded with an interactive Q&A, where students sought guidance on career planning, industry

expectations, and life beyond campus, making Nexus'26 an inspiring platform for learning, networking, and alumni engagement.

NEXUS'26
A joint initiative by Alumni Committee and Public Relations Cell

Where the Students Meet the Seasoned

Ashutosh C Dikshit Analyst Relations Lead - AI, Digital & Customer Experience Amdocs Batch of 2008 - 2010	Anushreya Asthana Senior Partner, Customer Success RateGain Batch of 2016 - 2018	Gourav Sachdeva Director, Program Management Fidelity Investments Batch of 2012 - 2014	Likhitha Sree Vadlamudi Senior Program Manager Amazon Batch of 2019 - 2021
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Sunday
07th JUNE 2026

Time
11:00 AM - 12:00 PM

NE-CCIE Joins Hands for a Cleaner Shillong



Reaffirming its commitment to community engagement and environmental stewardship, the North East Centre for Community Impact and Engagement (NE-CCIE) at IIM Shillong actively participated in a cleanliness drive at Police Bazar on 13 June 2026. The initiative, organized by Operation Clean Up (OCU) Shillong in collaboration with Jiva Cares, brought together faculty, staff, and students in a collective effort to promote cleanliness and civic responsibility.

Volunteers carried out cleaning activities across key areas of one of Shillong's busiest commercial

hubs, demonstrating how collaborative action can contribute to cleaner, healthier, and more sustainable public spaces. The initiative not only enhanced the local environment but also reinforced the importance of individual responsibility in preserving shared community spaces.

Through NE-CCIE, IIM Shillong continues to extend learning beyond the classroom by encouraging meaningful community participation and nurturing socially responsible citizens committed to creating a positive impact.

Club and Committee Activities

Hostel Committee – The Hostel Committee, along with a dedicated team of student volunteers, warmly welcomed and onboarded the PGP 2026–2028 participants on 22nd June. The onboarding process was carefully organized to ensure a smooth and hassle-free transition into campus life. Volunteers assisted students with all essential formalities while also guiding them through the campus and addressing their initial queries. Their collective efforts helped create a warm, welcoming, and supportive atmosphere, allowing the incoming batch to settle in comfortably and begin their journey at the institute on a positive



Sports Committee – On the occasion of International Yoga Day, IIM Shillong organized a yoga session that brought together students, faculty members, and staff to celebrate the importance of yoga and holistic well-being. Aligned with the nationwide vision of promoting yoga as a way of life, championed by the Honourable Prime Minister through the International Day of Yoga initiative, the event emphasized the need to incorporate yoga into daily routines for better physical health, mental well-being, and inner balance. With enthusiastic participation from the IIM Shillong community, the session reinforced the value of embracing a healthier, more mindful, and balanced lifestyle.

EcoBiz – The Community Cleanliness Drive organized by the EcoBiz Club, IIM Shillong, in collaboration with NE-CCIE, Jiva Cares, and OCU,

was successfully conducted with enthusiastic participation from the PGP community. The initiative effectively promoted civic responsibility, environmental awareness, and community engagement, making it a meaningful and impactful event.





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